

REMARKS

Claims 2-18 were canceled by preliminary amendment filed on December 9, 2003 and claim 1 is canceled by this amendment without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled claims in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications. New claims 19-27 are added in the amendment. The new claims are properly supported by the examples of the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable for the following reasons.

The Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection Should Be Withdrawn


Claim 1 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,810 ("the '810 patent").

Without acquiescing to the rejections of the Examiner, and solely in order to promote the progress of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claim 1 without prejudice. As noted above, Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter within the cancelled claim in one or more continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part applications. Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of claim 1 renders moots the pending rejections of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner not agree that the pending claims are allowable, then a further personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and to accelerate the allowance of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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